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RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed 29 July 2003 in the above-captioned application pursuant to *Ex parte Quayle*, closing prosecution on the merits, indicating claims 21-39 as allowable, and requiring the correction of minor informalities. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments.

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